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January 14, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support for Microsoft's antitrust settlement with the federal government. Microsoft's willingness to settle this ordeal and save the taxpayer money should be commended.

The terms of the settlement are more than fair to Microsoft's competitors. Microsoft will share information with competitors about the internal workings of Windows, which will allow the other companies to more easily place their own software on the operating system. Also, Microsoft will be bound by a uniform price list when licensing Windows out to the largest twenty computer makers in the nation. Clearly, this is more than just a slap on Microsoft's wrists.

I think this settlement is fair and equitable, and I hope it is quickly approved. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Forman

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